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| | Application of: | Confirmation No. 0700 |
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| | · A. Galindo-Legaria | Confirmation No.: 9709 |
| | cation No.: 10/785,328 | Group Art Unit: 2165 |
| Filing | Date: February 24, 2004 | Examiner: Jacques Veillard |
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| Sir: | | |
| | REPLY TRA | NSMITTAL LETTER |
| | A Preliminary Amendment. | |
| \boxtimes | An Amendment Responsive to the | Office Action Dated February 23, 2005. |
| | An Amendment Supplemental to the | ne Paper filed . |
| | A Substitute Specification (pages 1 | -) in clean form. |
| | A substitute specification (| pages 1 -) with markings. |
| | An Abstract is enclosed. | |
| | replacement sheets of drawi | ngs are enclosed comprising figures . |
| | are the only practicable medium for | black and white photograph(s) in this case, as they or illustrating the claimed invention. One (1) set of prising figure(s) is submitted herewith |

Petition is hereby made to accept drawing(s)/photograph(s) in this case.

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| | | Three (3) sets of color drawing(s)/photograph(s) and black and white photocopy that accurately depicts to the extent possible, the subject matter shown in the color drawing(s)/photograph(s), are enclosed, comprising figures . | | | |
| | | An amendment to the first paragraph in that portion of the Brief Description of the Drawings is also enclosed herewith advising that the patent contains at least one drawing/photograph in color. | | | |
| | A Cert | tified Copy of each of the following applications: is enclosed. | | | |
| | An As | sociate Power of Attorney is enclosed. | | | |
| | Information Disclosure Statement. | | | | |
| | | Attached Form 1449. | | | |
| | | A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith. | | | |
| | A Terr | minal Disclaimer is attached. | | | |
| | Appen | dices as follows: . | | | |
| | Other | | | | |
| \boxtimes | No Additional Fee is Due. | | | | |
| | Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27. | | | | |
| | Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 as | | | | |
| | | pplication is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be | | | |

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| | | | | SMALL ENTITY | | NOT SMALL ENTITY | |
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| | REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST PAID FOR | EXTRA | RATE | FEE | RATE | FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 9 | 24 (20 MINIMUM) | 0 | \$25 EACH | \$ | \$50 EACH | \$0.00 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 3 | 6 (3 MINIMUM) | 0 | \$100 EACH | \$ | \$200 EACH | \$0.00 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT | | | \$180 | \$ | \$360 | \$0.00 | |
| ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME | | | \$60 | \$ | \$120 | \$0.00 | |
| ☐ TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME | | | \$225 | \$ | \$450 | \$0.00 | |
| ☐ THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME | | | \$510 | \$ | \$1020 | \$0.00 | |
| ☐ FOUR MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME | | | \$795 | \$ | \$1590 | \$0.00 | |
| ☐ FIVE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME | | | \$1080 | \$ | \$2160 | \$0.00 | |
| LESS ANY EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID | | | minus | (\$) | minus | (\$0.00) | |
| ☐ TERMINAL DISCLAIMER | | | \$65 | \$ | \$130 | \$0.00 | |
| OTHER | FEE OR SURCHA | RGE AS FOLLOWS | S: | | | | |
| | TOTAL | FEE DUE | | | \$ | | \$0.00 |

| A check in the amount of <u>\$.00</u> is attached. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 23-3050. |
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| Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-3050 in the amount of00. This sheet is attached in duplicate. |
| Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of to and through comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of month(s). |

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The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.

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REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116

| | In resp | onse to the Final Official Action dated February 23, | , 2005, reconsideration is | | |
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| respec | | quested in view of the amendments and/or remarks a | | | |
| • | | Amendments to the Specification begin on page _ of this paper. | | | |
| | \boxtimes | Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. | | | |
| | | Amendments to the Drawings begin on page an attached replacement sheet. | of this paper and include | | |
| | \boxtimes | Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper. | | | |